

# LWVMI POST ELECTION UPDATE

**Highlighting Election Results &  
Preparing for Michigan's Lane Duck Session**

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LWVMI ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

# LWVMI Advocacy Committee Members

- Tricia Denton – Water/Line 5
- Judy Karandjeff, Chair - Election Laws, Women's Issues, Health Care
- Carolyn Madden – Criminal Justice
- Connie Mitchell – Education/Critical Race Theory
- Christina Schlitt – Firearm Safety
- Sue Smith – National Popular Vote, Redistricting, Campaign Finance
- Sandy Sorini Elser – Natural Resources/Environment/Climate
- Maria Woloson – Abolish Electoral College
  
- Paula Bowman – Ex Officio
- Denise Hartsough – Ex Officio

# Highlights of Election Results

# Federal Election Results



- **President** – Donald Trump (R) 226 (Harris) and 312 (Trump) electoral college
- **U.S. Senate** 100 members, 47 D, 49 R, 4 I (3 caucus with Democrats for majority D); 34 up for election – new 45 D, 2 Independent (47D) -, 53 R
- **U.S. House of Representatives** – Currently 435 members, 221 R and 214 D – new 207D – 217 R - 11 to be determined – need 218 for majority
- **MI - U.S. Senator** to Replace Sen. Stabenow (D) – New Elissa Slotkin (D)
- **MI - U.S. House of Representatives Delegation** – Currently 7D & 6R  
New- 7 R and 6 D

# Statewide Michigan Election Results

- MI Supreme Court – 2 Democrat Nominees won  
Was 4D-3R Now 5D -2R
- MI State Board of Education - 2 R won Remains 6D and 2R
- The University of MI Board of Regents – 1D and 1R won Remains 6D and 2R
- Michigan State University Board of Trustees – 1R won and 1D won  
Remains 6D, 1R, and 1 independent
- Wayne State University Board of Governors - 2 R won  
Was 6D-2R – Now 5D-3R

# MI House Election Results

First Trifecta for Democrats in 40 years ( 2023-2024) ended

110 Seats (Currently 56 D-54 R)

- Republicans 58 (gained 4 seats)
- Democrats 52 (lost 4 seats)

Take office January 1, 2025 - December 2026

Senate continues as Democratic 19D-18R (1 Vacancy)

Governor Whitmer continues as Democrat



Election 2026

Election 2026

# November 5, 2024 - Michigan Voters

- Number of people who voted in 2020 - 70.5% turnout voting age population (VAP)

Biden – 2,804,040 (50.6%)    Trump – 2,649,852 (47.8%)

- Number of voters who voted in 2022 – 55.19% turnout VAP  
Whitmer – 2,430,505 (54.57%)    Dixon – 1,960,635 (43.94%)

- Number of voters who voted in 2024 – 71.3% turnout VAP  
Harris -2,730,557(48.3%)    Trump – 2,808,500 (49.7%)

# How People Voted in Michigan

- Active Registered Voters – 7,310,017 – 78% voted (highest record)
- Registered on election day – 22,000
- Absentee ballot – 2,234,191
- Early Voting – 1,214,424
- Election Day – over 2 million



# Key Dates

- November 7 – State begins certification of results
- November 19 – County canvas must be complete
- November 25 – State Board of Canvassers must have met and certified results
- December 11 – Each Governor allocates the states' electors to the winning candidate – certificates of ascertainment
- December 17 – Electors meet in every state and cast votes for President and Vice President
- December 25 – Electoral votes arrive in Washington, D.C.
- January 3 – House and Senate Convene
- January 6 – At Joint Session of House and Senate, the Vice President oversees the final step of the Electoral College vote process at 1 pm
- January 20 – Inauguration Day

# **Highlights of LWVMI Supported Legislation Passed this Session**

# Legislation Passed – 2023-2024

- 310 Public Acts in 2023 were signed into law
- 147 Public Acts in 2024 were signed into law prior to election on November 5
- 84 bills LWVMI supported signed into law
  - Criminal Justice
  - Election
  - Environment
  - Firearm Safety
  - Health Care



# Bills Passed in 2 Year Legislative Session

Year	#Bills Senate Introduced	#Bills House Introduced	#TOTAL Intro	#Total Bills Enacted	Gov.	Sen	House
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>2077</b>	<b>3135</b>	<b>457 to date</b>	Whitmer D	D	D
<b>2021-22</b>	796	2568	3364	446 (13%)	Whitmer D	R	R
<b>2019-20</b>	693	1310	2003	580 (29%)	Whitmer D	R	R
<b>2017-18</b>	1266	1375	2641	<u>957 (36%)</u>	Snyder R	R	R
<b>2015-16</b>	685	1205	1890	832 (44%)	Snyder R	R	R
<b>2013-14</b>	1167	2104	3271	849 (26%)	Snyder R	R	R
<b>2011-12</b>	1387	2095	3482	948 (27%)	Snyder R	R	R

# Criminal Justice Laws Enacted

- Reforms the Juvenile Justice System, PAs 287-305 of 2023



# Election Laws Enacted

- Regulates recounts – PAs 74-75 of 2024
- Removes prohibition on transportation to polls – PA 185 of 2023
- Enacts pre-registration for 16-year-olds – PA 258 of 2023
- Establishes early voting procedures – PA 259 of 2023
- Establishes procedures for drop boxes – PA 75 of 2023

And More!

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# Environmental Laws Enacted

- Establishes 100% clean energy standard for Michigan by 2040 and requires 60% of Michigan's energy to come from renewable sources by 2035 – PA 235 of 2023
- Authorizes MPSC certification of solar, wind, and storage facilities of 100 MW or more under certain circumstance – PA 233 of 2023
- Requires MPSC to create opportunities for public engagement in utility rate cases and other decision-making process – PA 231 of 2023
- Requires Homeowners Associations to allow energy efficiency improvements, Homeowners Energy Policy Act – PA 68 of 2024



# Firearm Safety Laws Enacted

- Provides for penalties for storing or leaving a firearm where it may be accessed by a minor – PA 17 of 2023
- Requires a background check for all firearm sales in Michigan – PA 19 of 2023
- Provides for an extreme risk protection order – PAs 36-38 of 2023
- Exempts purchase of gun safety devices from sales & use tax – PA 14 and PA 15 of 2023





# Health Care Laws Enacted

- Establishes the Affordable Care Act into state law. Insurers must provide no-cost essential services, including preventative, mental health and emergency services. They cannot deny or limit coverage based on gender identity or sexual orientation, or cap coverage in a given year or across a person's lifetime. PAs 156-163 of 2023
- Repeals old laws, such as the penalty for administering with intent to procure miscarriage and advertisement or sale of certain drugs. PAs 202-208 of 2023
- Creates Reproductive Health Act – PA 286 of 2023



# **Preparing for Michigan's Lame Duck Session**

# Lame Duck Session

Lame Duck – is the period between the election and the end of session - November 6, 2024-December 31, 2024

<b>Year</b>	<b>#Total Bills Enacted</b>	<b>#BILLS Passed Lame Duck</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	446	51	11%
<b>2019-20</b>	580	158	27%
<b>2017-18</b>	957	314	36%
<b>2015-16</b>	832	248	30%
<b>2013-14</b>	849	216	25%
<b>2011-12</b>	948	281	39%

# What We Know About This Lame Duck Session

Current Legislature has a few weeks to pass legislation.

- **MI House** 11/12-11/14, 11/26, 12/3-12/5, 12/10-12/12, 12/18-12/19.
- **MI Senate** 11/12-11/14, 11/26, 12/3-12/5, 12/10-12/12, 12/18-12/19

Republicans want a short lame duck because they won the MI House.

The Governor and House and Senate Leaders are setting their agenda. It is not clear yet.

Whitmer spokesperson said she wants “ to continue lowering costs in the face of inflation, bring good-paying jobs to our state to grow the economy, build more affordable housing to drive down prices, and protect our rights and freedoms.”

# **LWVMI Wants These Bills Passed In Lame Duck Session**

- Criminal Justice
- Election
- Environment
- Firearm Safety
- Freedom of Information & BRITE Acts

# Criminal Justice Bills To Pass



- Support Productivity Credit for prisoners. HBs 4450-53. In House Criminal Justice Committee. SBs 861-64. In Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.
- Support HB 5957 and HB 5958, a bipartisan plan proposing to amend Michigan's Clean Slate expungement process to simplify the petition process and eliminate unnecessary delays. In House Criminal Justice Committee.
- Support SB 321-325 and HB 4556-4560 Second Look Legislation; the criminal procedure bills that allows people serving very long sentences to petition their sentencing court to request a sentence reduction. In Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee; in House Judiciary Committee.

# Election Bills To Pass



- Support Michigan Voting Rights Act. SB 401-404. The bills have passed the Senate and are in the House Elections Committee
- Support National Popular Vote. HB 4156 & HB 4440. The bills are on second reading in the House, and need to pass House and then the Senate
- Support elimination of the Electoral College – LWVUS Initiative

**National  
Popular  
Vote!**



# Environment Bills To Pass

- Support Statewide Mandatory Periodic Septic inspections, SB 299-300 and HB 4479-4480. In Senate Energy and Environment Committee & House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.
- Support Community Solar bills. SB 152 and 153. In Senate Energy and Environment Committee. HB 4464 in House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.
- Support Polluter Pay bills. SB 605-610 and HB 5242-5247. In Senate Energy and Environment Committee and House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.



# Firearm Safety Bills To Pass



- Support no guns in polling places and absentee ballot counting boards. HB 4127 and HB 4128. Today the House adopted the Senate passed version and ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor for a signature! Vote was 56 yes (Ds) and 53 no (Rs) and 1 absent (Phil Green R).
- Support requiring schools to distribute information on gun safety. HB 5450 and HB 5451. Today the House passed these bills. Vote was 56 yes (Ds) and 53 no (Rs) and 1 absent (Phil Green R). Bills will now go to the MI Senate.
- Support gun ban in the Capitol and other state buildings. SB 857 establishes a gun ban in the Capitol. In Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.



## Other Bills To Pass



- Support Freedom of Information Act for Legislature and Governor's office. SB 669 & SB 670. Passed Senate and in House Government Operations Committee.
- Support the BRITE Act to bring reforms in integrity, transparency and ethics. HB 5580-86. In House Oversight & Ethics Committee.

# What You Can Do

**Take action** when you receive LWVMI  
Action Alerts

[CitizensGuide.pdf](https://legislature.mi.gov/documents/publications/CitizensGuide.pdf)

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# Action Alert!

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Action Alert.

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# Questions?

After the Governor's State of State speech in January we will host another zoom meeting to discuss what is happening in new legislative session.